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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the Notice of Allowance mailed January 23, 2004, which included the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants agree that the pending claims are patentable over the prior art. Applicants further agree with the statement in the Conclusion portion of the Notice of Allowance that there is no teaching or suggestion in either or both of Ishida and Abolafia to motivate the modification of the teachings of one with the teachings of the other to render base Claim 38 obvious. However, Applicants respectfully submit that there are additional differences between Claim 38 and Ishida and Abolafia other than the single differences stated in the Notice of Allowance, i.e., that Ishida does not teach that the second insulating layer includes an adhesive and that Abolafia does not teach that spherical particles 18 are solder bumps.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the formal drawings (9 sheets) for the above-identified application.

This set of formal drawings, which includes Figures 1-7, is a replacement set for the above-identified application. It is requested that the current drawings be replaced with the enclosed drawings.

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